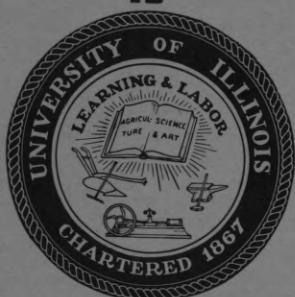




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## Abstract

Far up- and downstream of a shock front the structure of a shock must conform to the Navier-Stokes equations. At these boundaries, therefore, the viscosity coefficient  $\tilde{\mu}$  and Prandtl number  $\tilde{Pr}$  must have values appropriate to the medium and the conditions there. For a monatomic gas,  $\tilde{Pr}$  must equal 8/9, and the derivatives of  $t_{\perp}$  (the lateral temperature) and of  $dn/dx$  (the density gradient) are calculable. We can use these conditions to test the accuracy of various theoretical shock structures proposed and to find approximate macroscopic properties of shock structures for any monatomic gas without solving the Boltzmann equation. We have developed the corresponding first order theory in algebraic form by modifying the Mott-Smith expressions for  $t_{\perp}$  and  $dn/dx$  in a simple way such that the modified functions will satisfy the auxiliary conditions and will thus agree with the known transport characteristics of monatomic gases. By using the number density  $n$  as the independent variable, we are able to find the macroscopic shock structure on the basis of given asymptotic values of  $\tilde{Pr}$  alone, while the spatial distribution of properties depends on both  $\tilde{Pr}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$ .

Comparisons are presented of the shock structures for monatomic gases calculated according to the first order algebraic theory, Mott-Smith, and Navier-Stokes. The first order theory reproduces the Navier-Stokes results in the low Mach number range and supplies a simple representation of the Navier-Stokes model. At high Mach number, the correction of the



properties to the Mott-Smith model amount to at most less than 20 per cent of stress  $\tau/p_1$  or of the heat flux  $q$ . The shock thickness is much smaller than Camac's experimental value for argon.

A second order calculation may be made by including as an additional condition the matching of any experimentally determined shock thickness. As an example calculations are given for argon.

## I. Introduction

In studies of shock structure it is advantageous to use the number density  $n$  as the independent variable in place of the distance variable  $x$ . The velocity distribution function, each moment of it that is of interest, and the density gradient  $dn/dx$  are then to be regarded as functions of  $n$  rather than of  $x$ . If needed, the  $x$  dependence of the various quantities can be recovered by integration.

The Mott-Smith distribution function for a shock wave<sup>(1)</sup> implies that the moments are linear functions of  $n$  and that  $dn/dx$  has a particular quadratic form in  $n$ . In this paper we shall use  $n$  as an independent variable to study other characteristics of the Mott-Smith model and to derive asymptotic tests that can be applied to any proposed solution of the Boltzmann equation for a shock wave. The asymptotic tests we shall propose are based upon the arguments that there are two near-equilibrium regions, far up- and downstream from the shock front; and that any theoretical shock must conform to the Navier-Stokes equation in these two regions in that the transport coefficients and their derivatives must have values appropriate to the medium in these near-equilibrium conditions. We shall use the tests in making first order improvement of the Mott-Smith model for a monatomic gas by purely algebraic modification of his theory which then leads to the correct asymptotic transport coefficients.

Results of the first order theory have been obtained for elastic sphere molecules and for argon. We have also developed a second order

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<sup>(1)</sup> H. M. Mott-Smith, Phys. Rev. 82, 885 (1951).

theory for argon by matching the experimental shock thickness as well as the asymptotic transport coefficients.

## II. Asymptotic Tests of Shock Structure

Near the cold or hot side of a shock wave the gas is almost in equilibrium, and the usual transport equations hold

$$\tau = \tilde{\mu} \frac{du}{dx} \quad (1)$$

$$-Q = k \frac{dt}{dx} \quad (2)$$

in which  $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{4}{3} \mu$  and the values of the shear viscosity  $\mu$  and of the coefficient of heat conductivity  $k$  are known from kinetic theory for a monatomic gas. One can show by using the standard definitions of the flux of macroscopic properties in terms of velocity moments, that the stress  $\tau$  and a non-dimensional heat flux  $q$  in these equations have the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tau/p_1 &= \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \int m(v_{\perp}^2 - 2v_x^2) f(\vec{v}) d\vec{v} \right\} / p_1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} n(t_{\perp} - t_x) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \frac{2D}{p_1 u_1} = 2 \left\{ \int m v_x \frac{v^2}{2} f(\vec{v}) d\vec{v} \right\} / p_1 u_1 \\ &= \frac{5}{3} (3 + M_1^2) - 3t_x - 2t_{\perp} - \tilde{t} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We are using as units of temperature and number density the upstream values of these variables.  $u$  is the mass velocity.  $v = (v_x, v_{\perp})$  is the peculiar velocity.  $f(\vec{v})$  is the velocity distribution function.  $M_1$  and  $p_1$  are the upstream values of the Mach number and pressure. The temperatures  $t_x$ ,  $t_{\perp}$ , and  $\tilde{t}$  refer to the translational temperatures associated with



longitudinal and lateral thermal velocities and with the mass velocity of the gas respectively. The temperatures  $t_x$  and  $\tilde{t}$ , as functions of  $n$ , can be determined from the conservation equations alone and are given by

$$t_x = (4 - n_2)^{-1} n^{-2} [4(n_2 + 1)n - 5n_2] \quad (5)$$

$$\tilde{t} = 5n_2(4 - n_2)^{-1} n^{-2} \quad (6)$$

The downstream value of the number density  $n_2$  depends only on  $M_1$

$$n_2 = \frac{4M_1^2}{3 + M_1^2} \quad (7)$$

If the transverse temperature  $t_\perp$  is known as a function of the number density  $n$  for a given Mach number  $M_1$ , then, according to Equations (3) and (4), the fluxes  $\tau/p_1$  and  $q$  will also be known functions of  $n$ . The same may be said for the transport coefficients  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $k$  if the function  $dn/dx$  is known and the two transport coefficients are defined within the shock by Equations (1) and (2).

A proposed solution of the Boltzmann equation for a shock wave may be put in the form of a specification of the velocity distribution function, which we may write for our purposes as  $f(\vec{v}, n)$ , and of the gradient function  $dn/dx$ . From  $f$  we can calculate the moment  $(nt_\perp)$ . Knowing  $t_\perp$  we can calculate  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $k$  throughout the shock wave and in particular at the cold and hot sides. If these values are correct at these boundaries we may say that the proposed solution satisfies the Boltzmann equation there in the sense that it predicts the same values of these coefficients as would an exact solution of the Boltzmann equation. In developing and using this



test it is convenient to use  $\tilde{Pr}$  and  $\sigma$  rather than the two transport coefficients, where the Prandtl number

$$\tilde{Pr} = \tilde{\mu} C_p / k = 3M_1^{-2} n^2 \left( \frac{dt}{dn} \right) \frac{(\tau/P_1)}{(q)} \quad (8)$$

and the quantity

$$\sigma = \mu/\mu_1 = - \frac{3}{16(0.499)} \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{5}} n^2 M_1^{-1} \frac{(\tau/P_1)}{(dn/dx)} \quad (9)$$

indicates the departure of the viscosity from its value  $\mu_1$  at the cold side.  $\tilde{Pr}$  has the value 8/9 for any monatomic gas. The viscosity at the cold side  $\mu_1 = 0.499 \rho_1 \bar{v}_1 \lambda_1$  where  $\lambda_1$  = mean free path at the cold side.

The dimensionless temperature variables are related by the equation

$$t = (t_x + 2t_\perp)/3 \quad (10)$$

### III. Application to the Mott-Smith Model

Straightforward calculations based on the Mott-Smith form<sup>(1)</sup> of velocity distribution function in a shock wave lead to the following expressions:

$$(t_\perp)_{MS} = \left[ 1 + \frac{t_2 - 1}{n_2 - 1} (n - 1) \right] + \frac{(n - 1)(n_2 - n)}{n^2} \left[ \frac{1 + n_2}{n_2(4 - n_2)} \right] \quad (11)$$

$$\left( \frac{dn}{dx} \right)_{MS} = (n - 1)(n_2 - n) \left[ \frac{B}{n_2 - 1} \right] \quad (12)$$

where  $B$  = a constant depending on the molecular velocity function chosen for the transport equation. From  $t_\perp$  (Equation (11)) we can find expressions for all of the significant macroscopic properties that are functions of

true velocity moments. We give the following expressions for  $\tau/p_1$  and  $q$  as examples:

$$(\tau/p_1)_{MS} = -\frac{10}{3} (4 - n_2)^{-1} n^{-1} (n - 1) (n_2 - n) \quad (13)$$

$$(q)_{MS} = -10 (4 - n_2)^{-1} n^{-2} (n - 1) (n_2 - n) \quad (14)$$

The  $x$  dependence of these properties can be determined, if needed, from Equation (12). Equations (11) - (14) are used in determining the transport parameters  $\tilde{Pr}$  and  $\sigma$ :

$$(\tilde{Pr})_{MS} = \frac{2}{9} n_2^{-1} [5n_2 - (n_2 + 1) n] \quad (15)$$

$$(\sigma)_{MS} = \frac{\sqrt{3\pi/5}}{8(0.499)} B^{-1} M_1^{-1} (n_2 - 1) (4 - n_2) \left\{ 5n - \frac{(1+n_2)}{n_2} n^2 \right\} \quad (16)$$

As noted before  $\tilde{Pr}$  depends only on  $t_1$  and is therefore independent of  $dn/dx$ .

From Equations (7) and (15) we find that the Prandtl number on either side of a Mott-Smith shock wave depends only on  $M_1$  and can not exceed the value  $5/6$ . It vanishes on the hot side of the shock wave as  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$  (or as  $n_2 \rightarrow 4$ ). On the other hand,  $\sigma$  has a wide range of values at the cold side and is smaller than the correct asymptotic value at the hot side. We shall show in the next section how these deficiencies of the Mott-Smith model can be overcome.

#### IV. Algebraic Modification of the Mott-Smith Model

On the basis of our earlier discussion, we see that two Mott-Smith functions available for modification are the transverse temperature  $t_{\perp}$  and the gradient function  $dn/dx$ . Modification of these functions will, of course, place restrictions upon the form of the velocity distribution function itself, and these functions should correspond to a steadily decreasing Boltzmann flux. We shall not discuss these restriction further here, but we shall use the fact that the modifications must be of such a nature that they vanish on the boundaries far upstream and downstream.

As an example of our algebraic modifications we first develop a first order theory by making a modification of the Mott-Smith  $t_{\perp}(n)$ :

$$t_{\perp} = (t_{\perp})_{MS} + t_{\perp}^* \quad (17)$$

where

$$t_{\perp}^* = \frac{(n-1)(n_2-n)}{n^2} [C_0 n + C_1 n^2] \quad (18)$$

which corresponds to

$$\tau/p_1 = (\tau/p_1)_{MS} + 2nt^*/3 \quad (19)$$

$$q = (q)_{MS} - 2t^* \quad (20)$$

$$\tilde{Pr} = M_1^{-2} n^3 \left[ \frac{1 - \xi}{1 + \xi} \right] \left( \frac{dt}{dn} \right) \quad (21)$$

with

$$\xi = n(C'_0 + C'_1 n) = \frac{1}{5}(4 - n_2)n(C_0 + C_1 n) \quad (22)$$



We then also modify the form of the Mott-Smith  $dn/dx$ :

$$dn/dx = (n - 1) (n_2 - n) (A_0 + A_1 n) \quad (23)$$

which corresponds to

$$\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{15\pi}}{8(0.499)} (4 - n_2)^{-1} M_1^{-1} n \frac{(1 - \xi)}{(A_0 + A_1 n)} \quad (24)$$

where the unit of  $x$  is  $\lambda_1/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\lambda_1$  is the upstream mean free path.

$C'_0$  and  $C'_1$  are more convenient to use than  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  because each of the former remains finite as  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$ . A similar algebraic correction factor, which we have not investigated, would involve larger negative powers of  $n$  instead of larger positive powers.

The four constants  $C'_0$ ,  $C'_1$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$  are to be determined for each Mach number by requiring that the modified model yields the correct values of  $\tilde{Pr}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  at each of the two boundaries of the shock wave. The advantage of using the Prandtl number in place of  $k$  is now clear: Equation (21) involves only  $C'_0$  and  $C'_1$  but not  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ , corresponding to the fact that  $\tilde{Pr}$  is related to  $dt/dn$  but not to  $dn/dx$  and  $dt/dx$  separately.

Examination of Equation (21) shows that it yields at each boundary a quadratic equation in  $\xi$ , and that for any Mach number the roots of the quadratic are real. Only one root for each boundary gives results on macroscopic properties in agreement with Navier-Stokes for low Mach numbers. We discard the other roots and call the surviving roots  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ .

Values of  $C'_0$ ,  $C'_1$  and of  $\xi_1$ ,  $\xi_2$  calculated from the two quadratics are listed in Table I for the complete range of Mach number from one to infinity. Corresponding values of  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  derived from Equation (24) for the case of

elastic sphere are also listed in Table I.

Table I. Parameters of the First Order Algebraic Theory

<u>Monatomic Gases</u>						
<u>M<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>C'<sub>0</sub></u>	<u>C'<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>ξ<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>ξ<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>A<sub>0</sub></u>	<u>A<sub>1</sub></u>
					(Elastic Sphere)	
1.00	-0.1924	0.04956	-0.1428	-0.1428	0.1650	0.4901
1.40	-0.1483	0.02923	-0.1191	-0.1614	0.1861	0.3821
2.00	-0.1151	0.01735	-0.0978	-0.1725	0.2536	0.2970
3.00	-0.0934	0.01127	-0.0821	-0.1787	0.4012	0.2191
5.00	-0.0810	0.00840	-0.0726	-0.1820	0.7483	0.1124
10.00	-0.0754	0.00727	-0.0682	-0.1834	1.7084	-0.1317
∞	-0.0736	0.00690	-0.0667	-0.1838	∞	-∞

## V. Discussion

We remark first that  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  are negative for all  $M_1$ , which implies that the values of  $|q|$  and of  $t_\perp$  and  $t$  are smaller than in the Mott-Smith model and that the values of  $|\tau|$  are greater. Second, we notice that the largest values of  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  occur at the hot side of the shock and that these values are never greater than 0.2. Thus the correction of  $\tau/p_1$  or of  $q$  needed in the Mott-Smith theory to give correct up- and downstream values of  $\tilde{Pr}$  are never larger than 20 percent.

From the values of the two parameters  $C'_0$  and  $C'_1$  we can determine  $p/p_1$ ,  $t$ ,  $M$  and  $\tilde{Pr}$  throughout the shock. We have seen that knowledge of  $t_\perp$  implies knowledge of each of these functions so that they are not, therefore, independent of one another. It is nevertheless instructive to look at the characteristics of several of them. We have chosen  $t$ ,  $q$ ,  $\tau/p_1$  and  $\tilde{Pr}$  for more detailed examination. The study of  $\tilde{Pr}$  allows a rather

dramatic comparison to be made among the results of the algebraic and Mott-Smith theories. When  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  are also known we can of course calculate  $dn/dx$  and  $\sigma$ .

As an appropriate measure of position within the shock we shall use

$$\hat{n} = \frac{n-1}{n_2-1} \quad (25)$$

which measures the fraction of the total distance through the shock. To make our results easily comparable with other studies we shall use

$$\eta(n, M_1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n_2-1} \left( \frac{dn}{dx} \right) = \sqrt{2} \frac{d\hat{n}}{dx} \quad (26)$$

in place of  $dn/dx$ .  $\eta$  is thus the fractional density gradient in units of upstream reciprocal mean free path, and its maximum value for each Mach number is the usual reciprocal shock thickness.

One virtue of the algebraic and of the Mott-Smith theories is the ease with which we can determine the behavior of the various functions as  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus we can easily show that the following quantities remain finite (in each theory) as  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$ :  $M_1^{-2}t$ ,  $M_1^{-2}p$ ,  $M_1^{-2}\tau/p_1$ ,  $M_1^{-2}q$ ,  $M_1^{-1}dn/dx$ ;  $\tilde{Pr}$ , and  $\sigma$ . Putting these ideas together we choose to use  $M_1^{-2}t$ ,  $M_1^{-2}\tau/p_1$ , and  $M_1^{-2}q$  in place of  $t$ ,  $\tau/p_1$  and  $q$  respectively in exhibiting the principal results on macroscopic properties of the algebraic theory.

We shall in this paper compare the results of the algebraic theory with those from Navier-Stokes and Mott-Smith. The Navier-Stokes results were obtained by H. J. Schmidt.<sup>(2)</sup>

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<sup>(2)</sup>H. J. Schmidt, M. S. Thesis, Aero. and Astro. Engr. Dept., Univ. of Ill., 1964.



### 1. Macroscopic Properties

It is well-known that the asymptotic properties of a Navier-Stokes wave can be obtained from the integral curve in the  $u$ - $t$  (velocity-temperature) plane. The integral curve has a singularity at each end point<sup>(3)</sup> (a saddle point on the hot side and an improper node at the cold side). The values of the derivatives at both sides of the shock may be obtained algebraically. The derivative  $du/dt$  is related to  $dt/dn$  used here by the following expression

$$\left(1 + \frac{5}{3} M_1^2\right) \frac{du}{dt} = - \frac{(1 + 5M_1^2/3)}{M_1^2} \frac{1}{n^2} \left[ M_1^{-2} \frac{dt}{dn} \right]^{-1} \quad (27)$$

We found that the asymptotic (boundary) values of  $M_1^{-2}(dt/dn)$  of the first order theory agree with the corresponding Navier-Stokes values in the entire range of  $M_1$ . (We note also that at the hot side of the shock  $M_1^{-2}(dt/dn)$  has a finite limit as  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$  as compared to zero for the Mott-Smith case.) The agreement of  $dt/dn$  with Navier-Stokes values implies that the asymptotic derivatives of all the macroscopic properties of first order theory that are determined by  $t_1$  also match the Navier-Stokes derivatives.

The distribution of properties within the shock are illustrated in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 in which  $\tilde{Pr}$ ,  $M_1^{-2}t$ ,  $M_1^{-2}\tau/p_1$ , and  $M_1^{-2}q$  respectively are plotted.

The value of the Prandtl number  $\tilde{Pr}$  (Figure 1) in the Mott-Smith model is very much too small on the hot side of the shocks for large  $M_1$ . The algebraic theory of course yields the correct values of  $\tilde{Pr}$  at both boundaries for all values of  $M_1$ . It is noted that the curves of  $\tilde{Pr}$  vs.  $\hat{n}$  are very

<sup>(3)</sup>R. von Mises, J. Aero. Sci., 17, 551 (1950).

nearly symmetrical for the algebraic theory. It should be remembered that  $\tilde{Pr}$  has been defined within the shock by Equation (8). For a monatomic Navier-Stokes gas,  $\tilde{Pr}$  has the constant value of 8/9 throughout the shock.

The algebraic theory reproduces well the Navier-Stokes values of  $M_1^{-2}t$  inside the shock wave up to  $M_1$  of 1.6, and  $\tau/p_1$  and  $q$  up to  $M_1$  of 1.4. For higher  $M_1$ , the results of algebraic theory fall between those of Navier-Stokes and those of Mott-Smith but lie closer to the Navier-Stokes values. In fact, appreciable deviation from the Navier-Stokes results occurs only in the "center" of the shock. The degree of asymmetry of all three profiles is about the same for all the profiles for all three cases.

## 2. dn/dx and Shock Thickness

The gradient  $dn/dx$  depends on both transport coefficients. To determine it we need, therefore, all four coefficients of our algebraic theory ( $C_0$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $A_0$ , and  $A_1$ ). The values of  $dn/dx$  have been calculated for the following three power laws for viscosity ( $\mu \sim t^v$ ):

$$v = 0.5 \text{ (elastic sphere)}, 0.75, 0.816.$$

The last two cases are useful in comparing the results on shock thickness with experimental values of argon. The distribution of  $\sigma t^{-1/2}$  within the shock for the elastic sphere model is plotted in Figure 5. As  $M_1$  increase the  $\sigma t^{-1/2}$  vs  $\hat{n}$  curve becomes more asymmetrical with the position of minimum shifting toward the cold side. For Navier-Stokes, the  $\sigma t^{-1/2}$  curve is a straight line. The values of  $B$  used to calculate the Mott-Smith curves correspond to the molecular velocity function of (axial velocity)<sup>2</sup>.

The reduced gradient function  $d\hat{n}/dx$  for the elastic sphere model is plotted in Figure 6. Both reciprocal shock thickness (equal to the maximum ordinate) and asymmetry can be determined from these curves very easily. The reciprocal shock thickness calculated from our first order algebraic theory agree well with the Navier-Stokes values for values of  $M_1$  up to 1.6 (as shown in Figure 7) but at higher  $M_1$  the first order theory gives much higher values (as shown in Figure 8).

Another use of  $d\hat{n}/dx$  would be to find the spatial distribution of the macroscopic properties. Since this can be done in a straightforward way, we will not discuss it further.

### 3. Comparison With Experimental Results and Second Order Theory

The values of  $d\hat{n}/dx$  obtained for values of the viscosity parameter  $\nu = .75$  and  $\nu = 0.816$  are useful in comparing with the reciprocal shock thickness determined by experiments for argon. In Figure 9 reciprocal shock thickness is plotted vs  $M_1$ . Camac's data<sup>(4)</sup> are also included. Just as in the case of elastic sphere ( $\nu = 0.5$ ), the reciprocal shock thickness is much too large in the high  $M_1$  ranges.

We can use such a discrepancy with his experimental results in making a second order calculation. Thus we add a term in the correction polynomial of  $dn/dx$  (see Equation 23) as follows:

$$dn/dx = (n - 1) (n_2 - n) (A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2). \quad (28)$$

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<sup>(4)</sup>M. Camac, Research Report 172, AVCO-Everett Research Laboratory, Dec. 1963.



The three coefficients,  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$ , and  $A_2$  may be determined by using Camac's (or any other) experimentally determined maximum value of  $dn/dx$  in addition to asymptotic values of  $\sigma$  as used in the first order theory. Correct values of  $dn/dx$  in the up- and downstream near-equilibrium regions are, therefore, also obtained in such a calculation. Furthermore, the expression for  $\tilde{Pr}$  remains the same, and the profiles of macroscopic properties determined by  $t_\perp$  are the same with respect to  $n$  as those of the first order theory.

We have made a second order calculation for  $M_1 = 3$  for argon ( $\nu = 0.75$ ) by matching  $(d\hat{n}/dx)_{\max}$  at  $\hat{n} = 1/2$  to Camac's value. The coefficients obtained are:  $A_0 = 1.523$ ,  $A_1 = -1.228$ ,  $A_2 = 0.3250$ . (The coefficients for the first order theory for the same  $M_1$  and  $\nu$  are:  $A_0 = 0.5479$ ,  $A_1 = 0.07234$ .) The corresponding  $\eta$  curve which is plotted in Figure 10 exhibits a flat region near the "center" in the shock and a corresponding region of large curvature on either side of the "center". The second order theory thus illustrates the general shape which the  $\eta$  vs  $\hat{n}$  curve must have if it is to reproduce both the Navier-Stokes behavior in the near-equilibrium regions and Camac's experimental value of the ordinate at the center of the profile. More complete theory is needed to determine whether the curve should be more or less asymmetric than the one shown.

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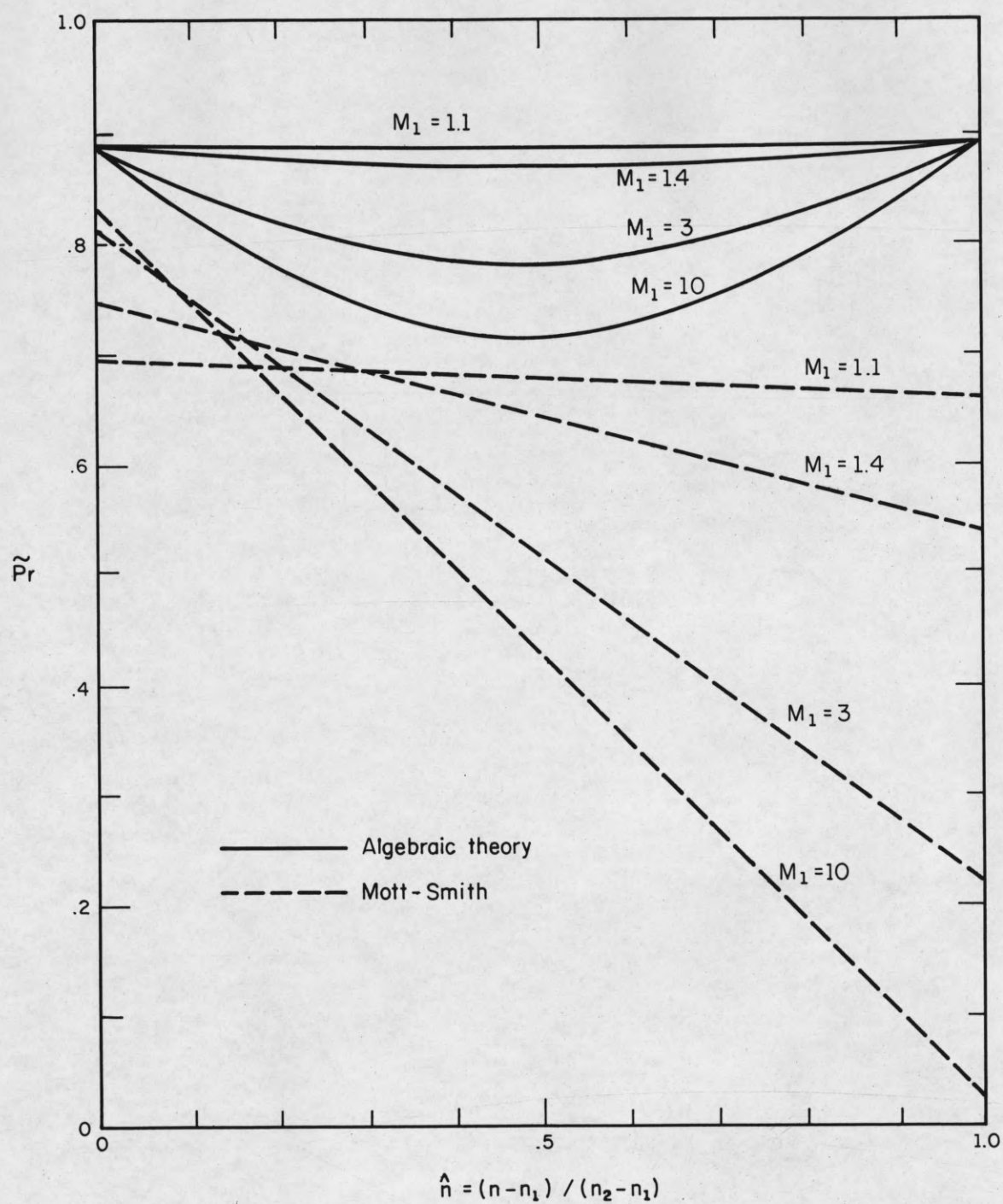


Fig. 1 Variation of Prandtl number  $\tilde{Pr}$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .

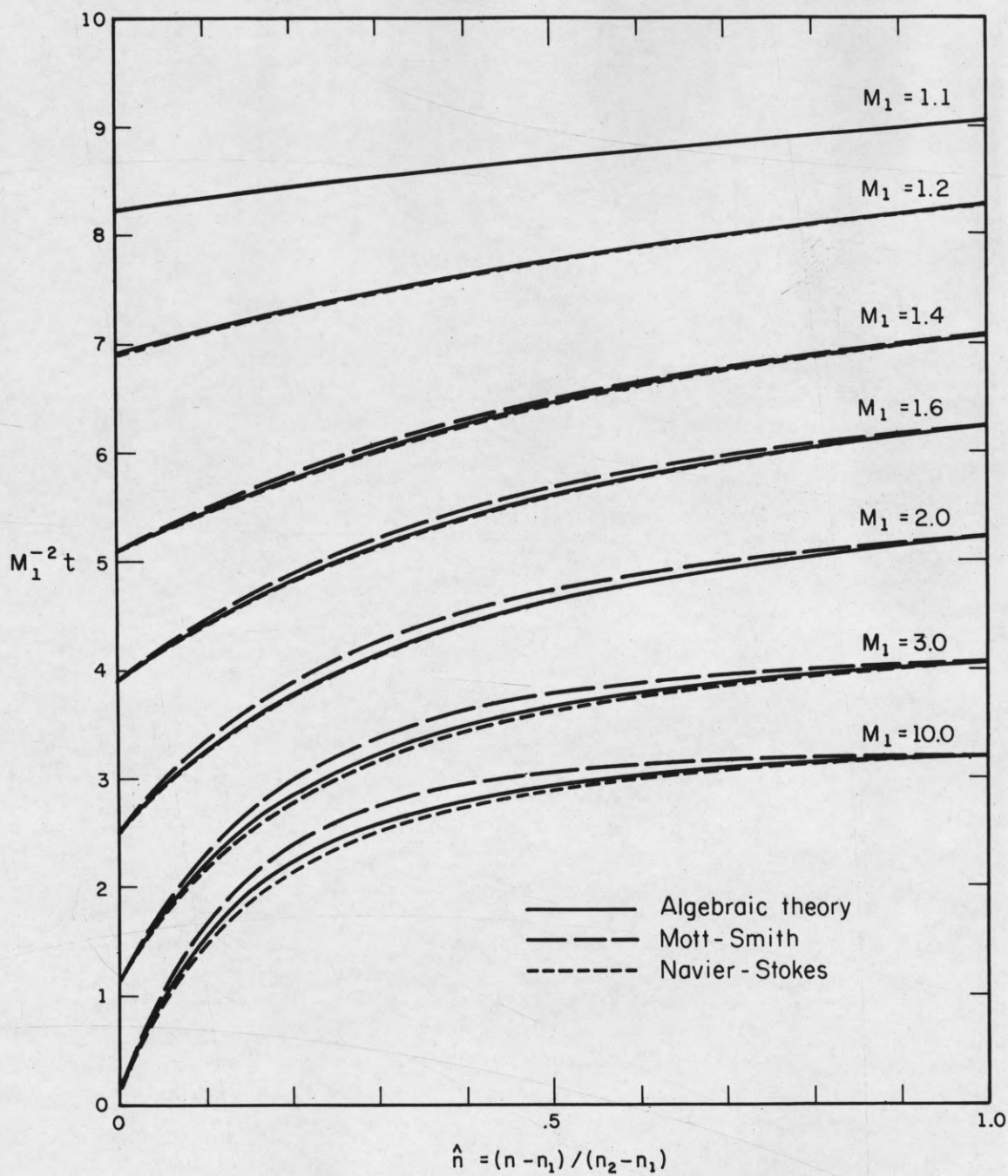


Fig. 2 Variation of reduced temperature  $M_1^{-2}t$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .



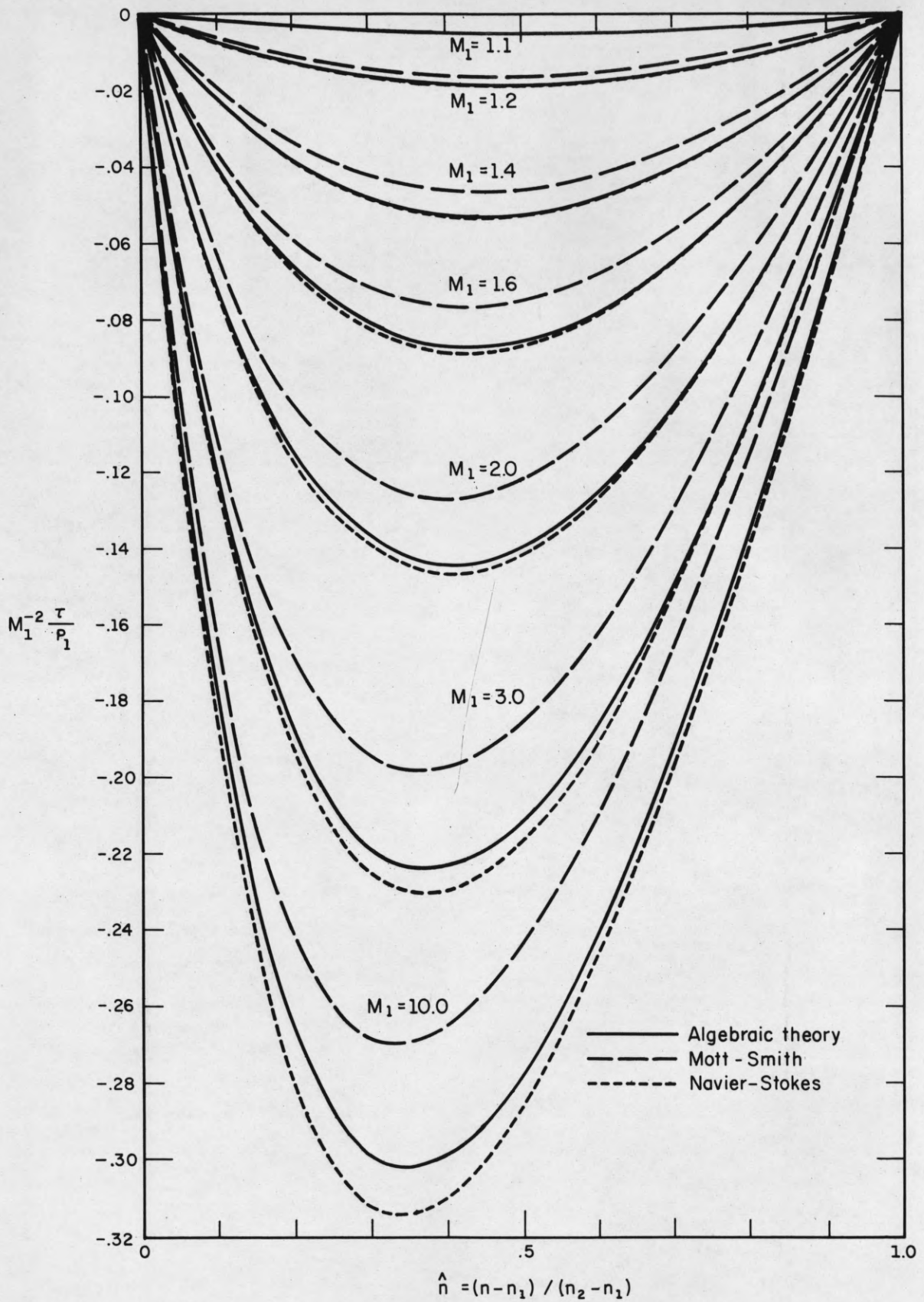


Fig. 3 Variation of reduced stress  $M_1^{-2} \tau / p_1$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .

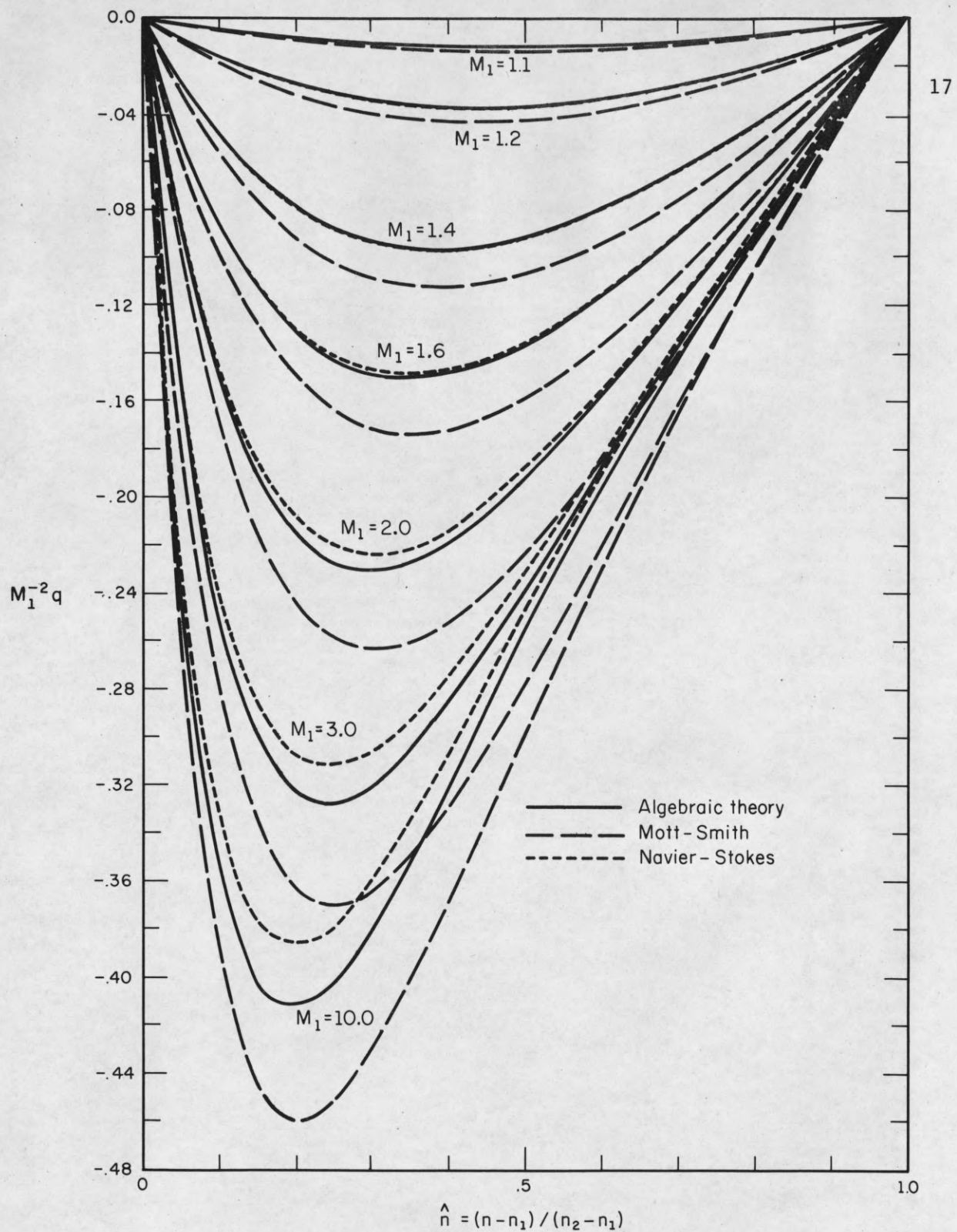


Fig. 4 Variation of reduced heat flux  $M_1^{-2}q$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .

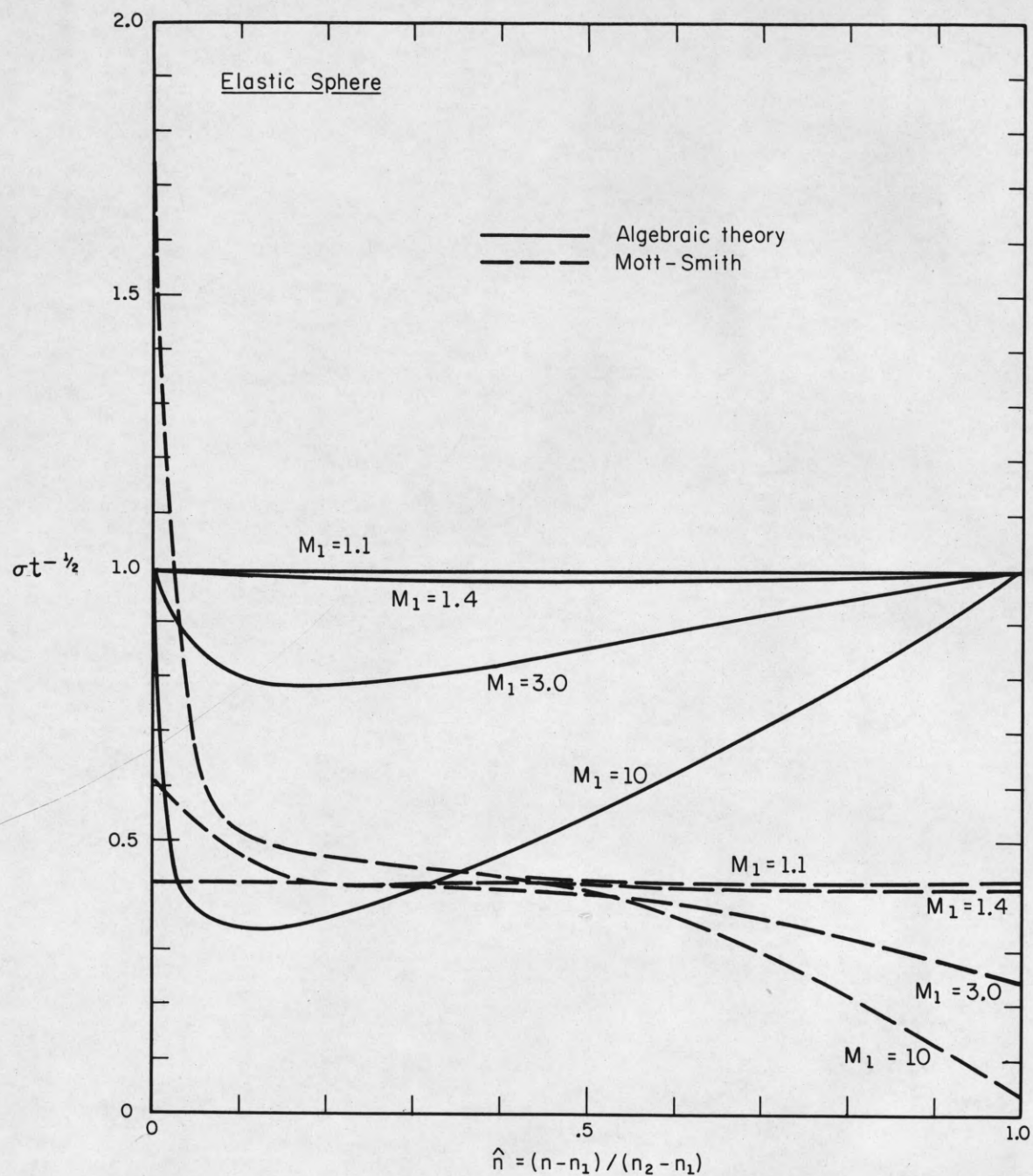


Fig. 5 Variation of viscosity parameter  $\sigma t^{-1/2}$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .



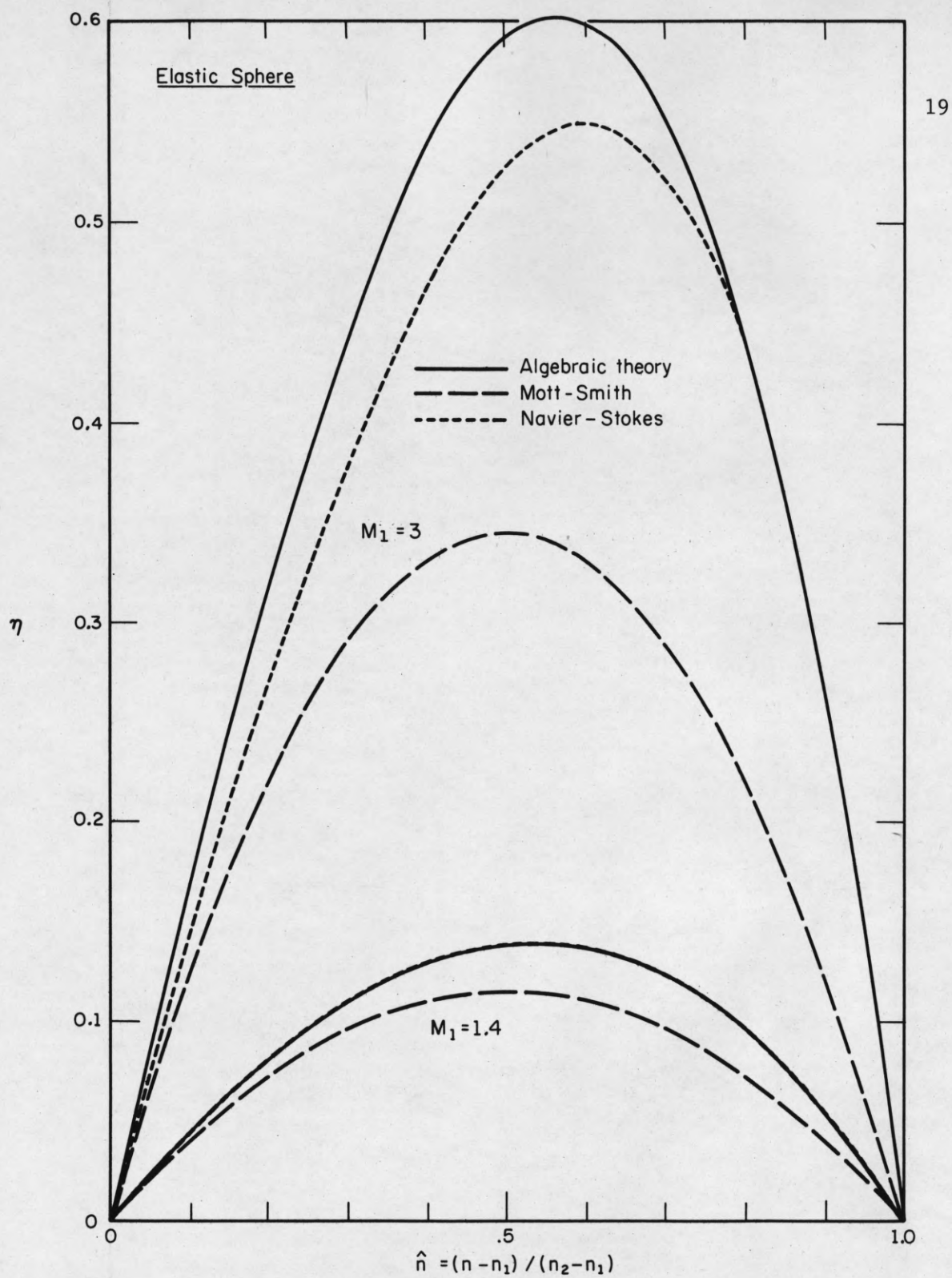


Fig. 6 Variation of fractional density gradient  $\eta$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$ .

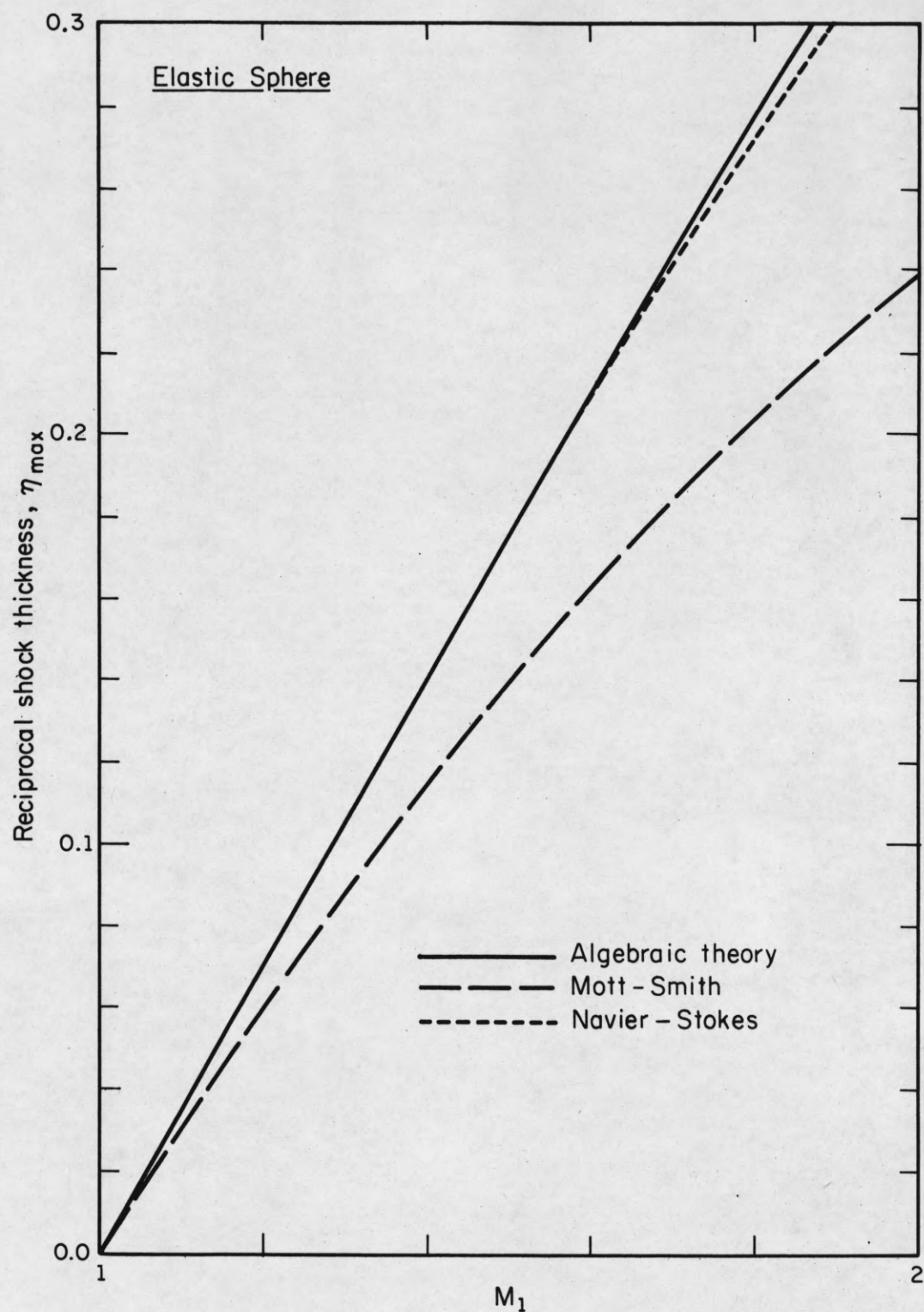


Fig. 7 Variation of theoretical reciprocal shock thickness  $\eta_{\max}$  with upstream Mach number  $M_1$  for weak shocks.

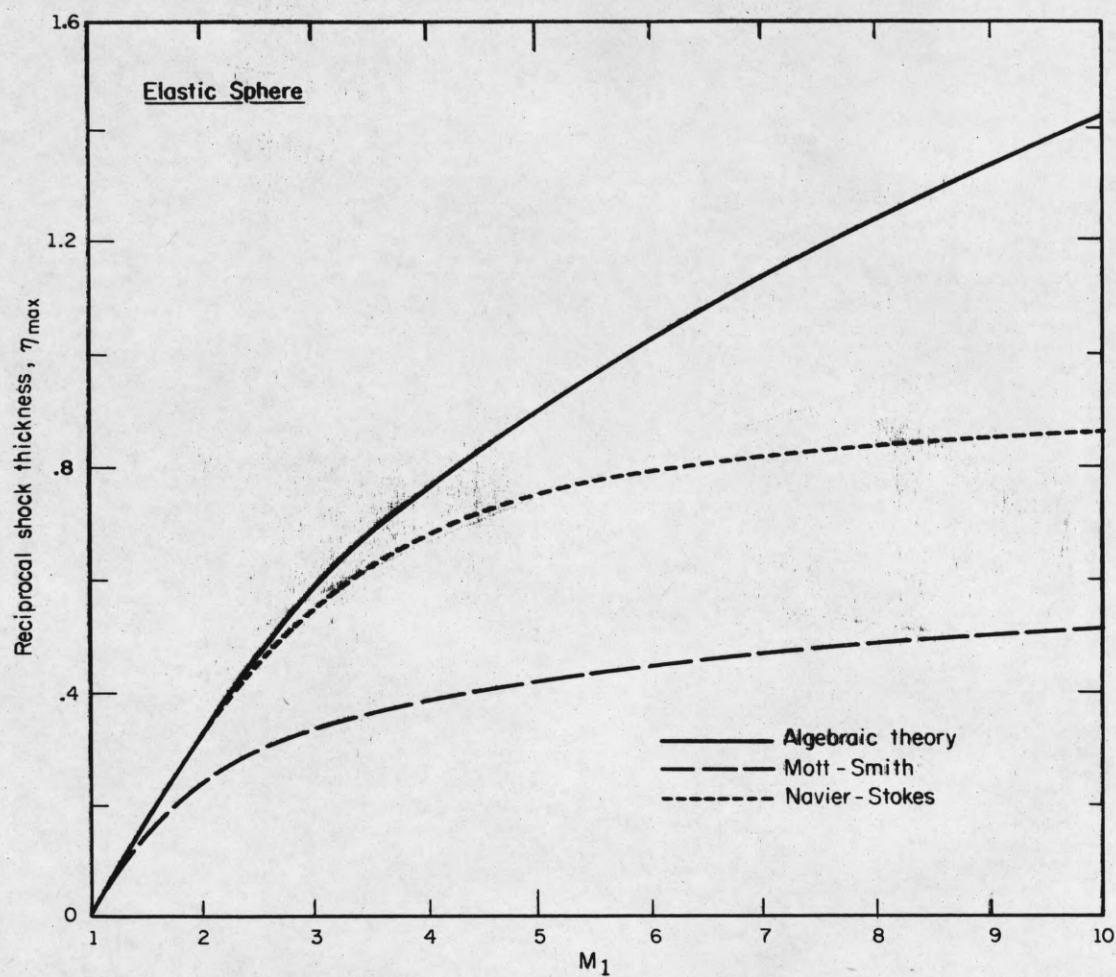


Fig. 8 Variation of theoretical reciprocal shock thickness  $\eta_{\max}$  with upstream Mach number  $M_1$ .



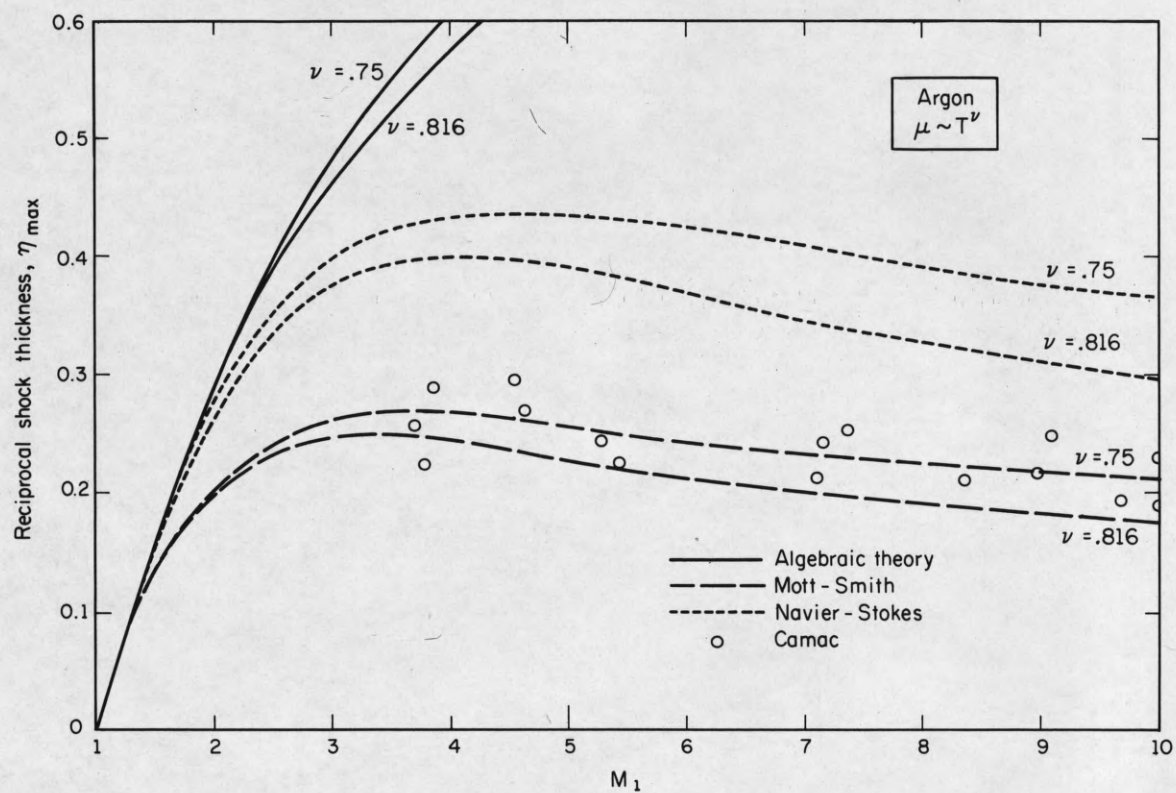


Fig. 9 Comparison of theoretical and experimental reciprocal shock thickness for argon.

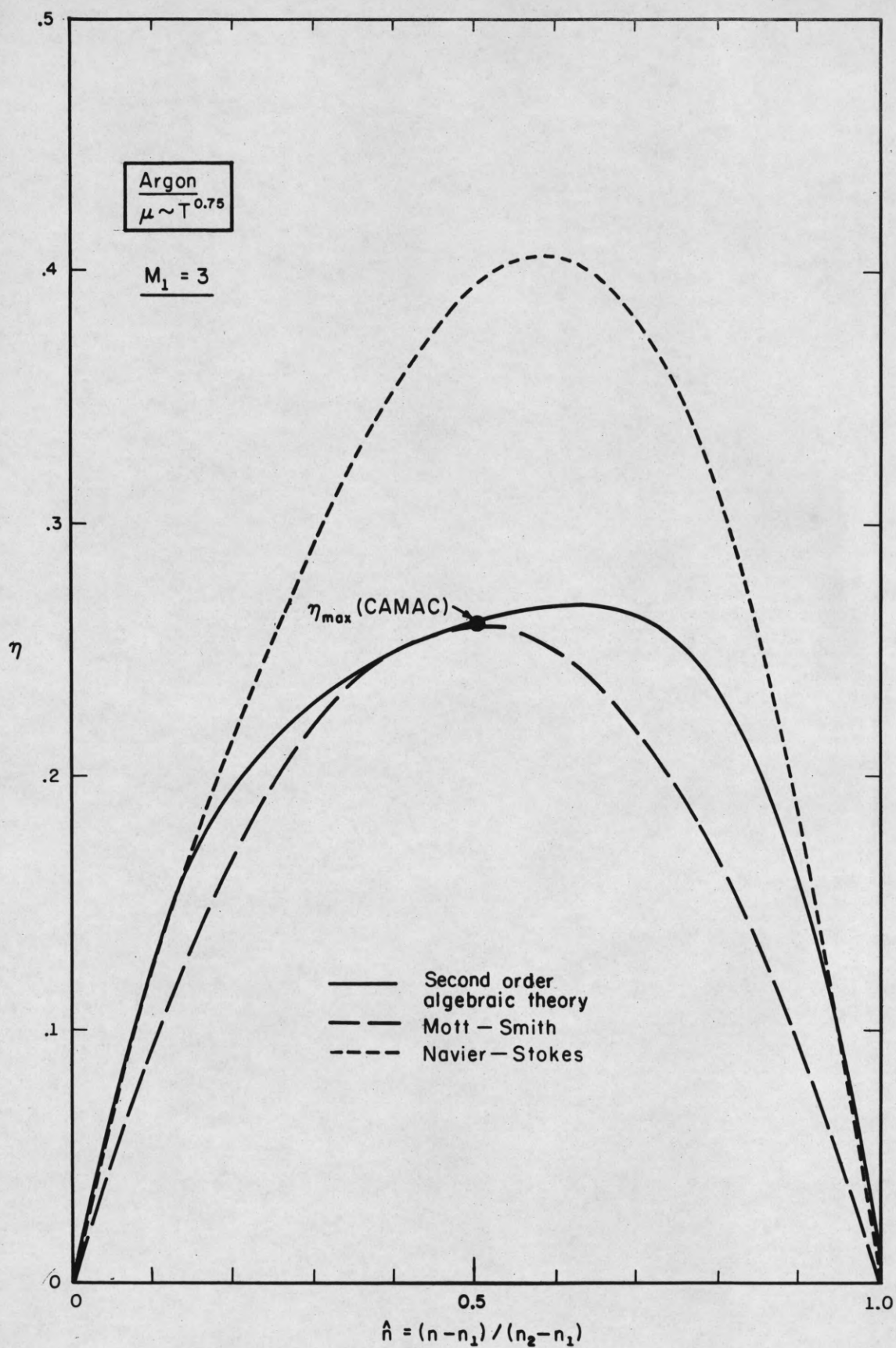


Fig. 10 Variation of fractional density gradient  $\eta$  with reduced number density  $\hat{n}$  for argon for  $M_1 = 3$ . Comparison of second order algebraic theory with other values.

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